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HP Docket No.: 100200290-1
App. Serial No. 10/084,499

REMARKS

Claims 1-42 are pending of which claims 1, 12, 21, 31, 38 and 42 are independent.

Claims 1-42 are subject to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner restricted claims 1-42 as being directed to two subcombinations disclosed in the Applicants' specification as usable together in a single combination but alleged by the Examiner as being distinct from each other as separately usable.

Specifically, subcombination I includes claims 1-30 and 42, and subcombination II includes claims 31-41. The restriction requirement did not address claim 41, but the Applicants assume claim 41 was intended to be included in subcombination II because claim 41 is dependent on independent claim 38, which was included in subcombination II.

Subcombination I is elected without traverse.

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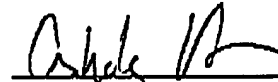
CONCLUSION

As all of the outstanding rejections have been traversed and all of the claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, the Applicants respectfully request issuance of a Notice of Allowability. If the undersigned attorney can assist in any matters regarding examination of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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